

Working hard for you

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Ending Unfair Benefits for Refugee Claimants.

New arrivals to Canada have received dental and vision care paid by your tax dollars.

They've had free prescriptions.

Not anymore.

Name: _____

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What do you think?

- I agree with Kelly Block!** Newcomers don't deserve more benefits than Canadians.
- I disagree!** Refugee claimants should get dental, vision and pharmacare even if I don't.

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We are balancing benefits.

We're listening to Canadians who say that refugee claimants should not have better health care than our own families.

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair says our plan is "scandalous."

(SunTV: April 25, 2012)

Liberal Leader Bob Rae is dead set against it.

"Doing what's right and saving Canadians \$100-million at the same time."

-Kelly Block, MP
Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar



In April, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney announced reforms to the Interim Federal Health Program, which provides temporary health benefits to refugees until they qualify for provincial and territorial coverage.

Historically, the benefits included basic medical care as well as supplemental benefits such as pharmaceutical, vision and dental care, at a level similar to that provided by provinces to people on social assistance. It was given to most refugees, whether they came as part of a government resettlement program, were privately sponsored, or asked for asylum on arrival on Canadian soil. It also applied to rejected refugee claimants awaiting deportation. The cost of the program was estimated at \$84 million a year.

When the changes were announced, a Citizenship and Immigration Canada press release said that "the reformed program will end the coverage of supplemental health-care benefits," something Kenney said was motivated by a sense of fairness: "We do not want to ask Canadians to pay for benefits for protected persons and refugee claimants that are more generous than what they are entitled to themselves."

Louisa Taylor, Vancouver Sun July 2, 2012

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